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R6 press update

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EPA continues to be committed to working with the locals and the State of NM. EPA has 71 responders dedicated to the New Mexico response. EPA has imbedded our Region 6 Director of Water with NMED. EPA will continue to sample, analyze, and make data available to support local decision makers moving forward to allow them to make the best informed decisions. EPA teams are:

1. Monitoring of 9 water intakes
2. Continue to test drinking water well samples 43 on 8/13
3. Has dedicated \$500K for
 - a. Providing free drinking water program at 7 locations
 - b. Provide water for ag uses including irrigation and livestock 298,683 gallons to 6 AG and 3 livestock
4. Manning a response hotline to provide information
 - c. (844) 607-9700
 - d. Claims
 - e. Needs
 - f. Questions

EPA Statement on New Mexico Reopening Private Domestic Water Well Use

Today, New Mexico announced its determination that private domestic water well use along the Animas River should resume based on water quality sampling results collected by both New Mexico Environment Department and the EPA.

Reopening private domestic water well use is a state and local decision and we believe they have taken appropriate steps in arriving at this this decision. EPA sampling results from the river collected last week similarly show that water quality conditions are returning toward pre-event conditions.

We know the state has gone through a deliberative process in making this decision. EPA will continue to sample, analyze, and make data available to support local decision makers moving forward to allow them to make the best informed decisions.

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